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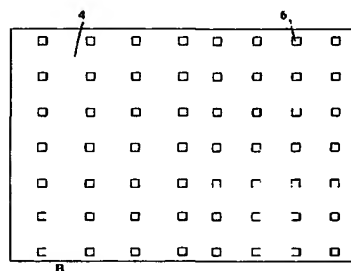
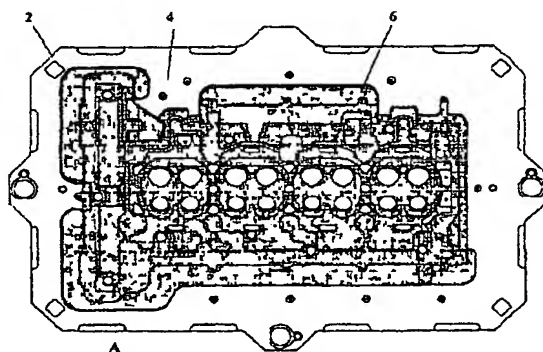
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(57) Abstract: The invention utilizes a layered manufacturing process to produce an article (2) having at least one small-width fluid conduction vent (6) produced during the layered manufacturing process. Such small-width fluid conduction vents (6) may have any desirable cross-sectional shape, orientation, and curvature. The invention also includes articles (2) containing at least one small-width fluid conduction vent (6) wherein the article (2) and the small-width vent or vents (6) are simultaneously produced by a layered manufacturing process.

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